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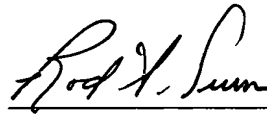
1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)- Filing Date Granted;
2. a Petition for Extension of Time;
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Assignment documents with the required Recordation Cover Sheet are being concurrently filed with this Response, along with the required fee.

If there are any further concerns regarding the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rod S. Turner", is written over a horizontal line.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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